THE ANSWER OF Both Houſes of PARLIAMENT, Preſented to His Majeſty at YORK the ninth of May, 1642.

To two Meſſages ſent to them from His Majeſty, concerning Sir *John Hotham's* Refuſall to give His Majeſty Entrance into His Town of HULL.

WITH His Majeſties REPLY thereunto.

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The moſt humble Anſwer of the Lords and Commons in Parliament, to two Meſſages from Your Sacred Majeſty, concerning Sir *Iohn Hothams* Refuſall to give your Majeſty Entrance into the Town of *Hull*.

YOur Majeſty may be pleaſed to underſtand, That we Your great Councell, finding manifold Evidences of the wicked Councels and Practices of ſome in neere truſt and authority about you, to put the Kingdome into a combuſtion, by drawing Your Majeſty into places of Strength, remote from Your Parliament, and by exciting Your people to commotions, under pretence of ſerving Your Majeſty againſt your Parliament; Leſt this malignant Party, by the advantage of the Town and Magazine of *Hull*, ſhould be inabled to goe thorow with their miſchievous Intentions, Did (in diſcharge of the great Truſt that lyes upon Us) command the Town of *Hull* to be ſecured by a Garriſon of the adjoyning Train Bands, under the Government of Sir *Iohn Hotham*, requiring him to keepe the ſame, wherein we have done nothing contrary to your Royall Soveraignty in the Towne, or Legall Propriety in the Magazine.

Upon conſideration of Sir *John Hothams* proceedings at your Majeſties being there, we have upon very good Grounds adjudged, that he could not diſcharge the Truſt upon which, nor make good the End for which he was placed in the Guard of that Town and Magazine, if he had let in your Majeſty, with ſuch Counſellours and Company as then were about You.

wherefore upon full Reſolution of both Houſes, we have declared Sir *Iohn Hotham* to be cleare from that Odious Crime of Treaſon, and have Avowed, That he hath therein done nothing but in Obedience to the Commands of both Houſes of Parliament,

ment, assuring our selves, that upon mature deliberation your Majesty will not Interpret his Obedience to such Authority to be an Affront to your Majesty or to be of that Nature as to Require any Iustice to be done upon him, or Satisfaction to be made to your Majesty: But that you will see just cause of joyning with your Parliament, in preserving and Securing the Peace of the Kingdom, suppressing this wicked and Malignant party, who by false Colours and pretensions of Maintaining your Majesties Prerogative against the Parliament (wherein they fully agree with the Rebels in *Ireland*) have beene the Causes of all our Distempers and Dangers.

For prevention whereof, wee know no better remedy then setling the *Militia* of the Kingdom according to the Bill which we have sent your Majesty, without any intention of deserting or declining the Validity or observance of that Ordinance, which past both Houses upon your Maiesties former refusall: But we still hold that Ordinance to be effectuall by the Lawes of this Kingdome.

And we shall be exceeding glad, if your Maiestie by approving these our just, dutifull, and necessary proceedings, shall be pleased to entertain such counsell, as we assure our selves by Gods blessing) will prove very advantagious for the Honour and greatnesse of Your Maiestie, the safetie and peace of your people, amongst which we know no more likely to produce such good effects, then a declaration from Your purpose to lay aside all thoughts of going into Ireland, and to make a speedie returne into these parts, to be neer your Parliament, which as it is our most humble desire and earnest petition, so shall it be seconded with our most dutifull Care for the safety of your Royall person, and constant prayers, that it may prove honourable and successefull in the happinesse of your Maiestie, and all your Kingdomes.

His

His Maieſties reply, to the Anſwer of both Houſes of Parliament, preſented to his Majeſty the 9. of *May*, to two Meſſages ſent to them from his Majeſtie concerning Sr. *Iohn Hotham*.

HIs Majeſtie was in good hope, that the reaſon why you ſo long deferred your Anſwer to his Meſſages concerning *Hull*, was, that you might the better give him ſatisfaction therein, which now adds the more to his aſtoniſhment, finding this anſwer (after ſo long adviſement) to be of that nature, which cannot but rather increaſe, then diminiſh the preſent diſtractions, if conſtantly adhered unto by the Parliament. Was it not too much that his Majeſties Towne of *Hull* had a Garriſon put into it, to the great charge of the Country, and inconvenience to the poor inhabitants, without his Maieſties conſent and approbation, under colour at that time of Forraigne Jnvaſion, and apprehenſions of the popiſh parts, but now the reaſons thereof muſt be inlarged with a ſcandall to his Maieſty and his faithfull ſervants, onely to bring in

the more ſpecious pretext for the avowing of Sir *John Hotham's* Treaſonoble inſoiencie

His Maieſty hath often heard of the great truſt that by God and mans Law is committed to the King, for the defence and ſafety of his people, but as yet hath never underſtood what truſt or power is committed to either or both houſes of Parliament without the King, they being ſummoned to Counſell and adviſe the King, but by what Law or Authority they poſſeſſe themſelves of his Maieſties proper right and inheritance, he is confident that as they have not, ſo they cannot ſhew.

His Maieſty hitherto hath not given the leaſt interruption to publike Juſtice; but you rather then ſuffer one of your Members to come ſo much as to a Legall Triall for the higheſt crime, will make uſe of an Order of Parliament to countenance Treaſon, by declaring him free from that guilt which all former Ages never accounted other, and that without ſo much as enquiring the opinion of the Iudges, for His Maieſty is confident that you would have mentioned their opinion if you

you had asked the ſame.

Therefore his Maieſty expects, that upon further and better conſideration of the great and neceſſary conſequence of the buſineſſe of *Hull*, and ſeriouſly weighing how much this doth concerne the Peace and quiet of the Kingdome, you will the peace and quiet of the Kingdome, you will (without further inſtance from his Maieſtie) give him full and ſpeedy Iuſtice againſt Sr. *Iohn Hotham*: And he leaves all his good People to thinke, what hope of Iuſtice there is left for them, when you ſhall refuſe or delay to give your Soveraigne ſatisfaction: And (as his Maieſtie hath already ſaid) till this be done he will intend no Buſineſſe whatſoever, other then that of Ireland.

And his Maieſty likewiſe expects, that in the way you have expreſſed in this your Anſwer, you will not put the *Militia* in execution, untill you can ſhew him by what Law you have Authority to doe the ſame without his conſent: Or if you doe, he is confident, that he ſhall find much more Obedience accor-

cording to Law, then you against Law: And his Maieſtie ſhall eſteeme all thoſe that ſhall obey you therein, to be the diſturbers of the peace of the Kingdome, and in due time call them Legally to a ſtrict account for the ſame.

As for *Ireland* his Maieſty referres you to his former Anſwer.

And laſtly, concerning his returne, he never heard, that the ſlandering of a Kings Government, and his faithfull Servants, the refuſing of him Juſtice in a caſe of Treaſon, and the ſeeking to take away his undoubted and Legall Authority, under pretence of putting the Kingdome into a poſture of defence, were Arguments to induce a King to come neare, or hearken to his Parliament.

FINIS.